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PROPOSED CLAIM AMENDMENT
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1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a handle member comprising a body portion defining an opening therethrough, the opening configured to receive fingers of a human hand therethrough, the handle member configured to be grasped by said fingers;

a cantilever portion having a base end and a free end, the base end coupled to the handle member defining a slot between the free end and the handle member, the slot being configured to receive at least one handle of at least one bag; and

a hook extending into the slot between the free end and the handle member, the hook configured to block at least a portion of the slot, wherein at least a portion of the slot defines a well, the slot angled upwardly from the well toward the free end of the cantilever portion, , and wherein the hook has a smaller thickness than the cantilever portion, has a generally triangular shape, and is angled inwardly toward the well.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for carrying bags comprising:

providing an apparatus comprising a handle member and a cantilever portion, the handle member defining an opening therein and a slot between the handle member and the cantilever portion, the apparatus further comprising a hook attached to the cantilever portion, wherein the hook has a smaller thickness than the cantilever portion, has a generally triangular shape and is angled inwardly toward the well;

grasping the handle member through the opening;

inserting at least one handle of at least one bag over the cantilever portion and through a space defined by the hook extending into the slot such that the at least one handle is disposed in a well defined by the slot, wherein the hook is angled inwardly toward the well and wherein the slot is angled upwardly from the well toward a free end of the cantilever portion; and

carrying the at least one bag having said at least one handle disposed in said well by holding the handle member.

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This is to confirm the interview for this case on Wednesday, July 14th at 1p.m. The attorney conducting the interview will be Bill Bunker (Registration No. 29,365). Attached, please find another copy of the proposed amendment. Please note the proposed amendment is for discussion purposes only. Accordingly, please do not enter the amendment or place in the file. Please call or email if you have any questions. I can be reached at 949.721.7678 and jav@kmob.com.

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